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1. ADL VISIT (BUCHAREST 4358). SINCE WE STILL DO NOT HAVE NAMES OF GROUP, WE ARE SENDING BLANKET INVITATIONS FOR RECEPTION TO THEM C/O ROSEN, IN WHOSE CARE THEY WILL BE ON ARRIVAL JUNE 30.

2. DUAL NATIONALS/SHAMWELL VISIT (STATE 163693 AND 158421). WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME SHAMWELL'S VISIT IF ONLY FOR THE HELP HE CAN GIVE US IN GOING THROUGH THE DECREE 223 CASE FILES, BUT THINK IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF IT PROVIDED THE OCCASION TO PRESENT A DRAFT DUAL NATIONAL AGREEMENT TO THE GOR. IF WE CAN, IT WILL ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO RENEW PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES ALONG US-POLISH, US-CZECHOSLOVAK LINES CONCERNING CONSULAR TREATMENT OF DUAL NATIONALS. FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP ON PACOSTE'S JANUARY 6 INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR FOR EXPERT LEVEL TALKS IN WASHINGTON OR BUCHAREST ON RANGE OF CONSULAR ISSUES, TAGGING IT TO NEGOTIATIONS OF DUALSVATIONAL AGREEMENT. THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE FALL, SINCE MANGIAFICO IS ON LEAVE JULY 15-AUGUST 15, BUT GOR WILL NEED HOLIDAYS, AT LEAST, TO DIGEST DUAL NATIONAL DRAFT. CONSEQUENTLY,
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SCENARIO YOU PROPOSE MAKES EMINENT GOOD SENSE TO US, AND YOU SHOULD TRANSMIT OUR WORD OF WELCOME TO SHAMWELL AS SOON AS CHRISTOPHER SIGNS CIRCULAR 175 REQUEST.

3. CASTRO/LAMBERT POSITION. WE ARE TALKING WITH JAY BURGESS ABOUT FSRU APPOINTMENT, AND AMONG OURSELVES ON CHOICE OF MCNALLY AND CARTER. WILL ADVISE ASAP.

4. TUDOR CLAIM (STATE 164894 AND 164869). BOGDAN IS OUT ALL DAY JUNE 29, SO I SHALL BE SEEING HIM JUNE 30 TO CARRY OUT 164869 INSTRUCTIONS, AS WELL AS TALK ABOUT MCGOVERN, YOUNG, HARRIMAN AND POSSIBILITY OF SHAMWELL.

5. TCP (STATE 162622). IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION, WE HAVE HAD 304 TCP PERSONS SO FAR THIS YEAR, AND ESTIMATE 700 BY YEAR'S END. ON REP LIST, EMBASSY AGREES WE SHOULD BE VERY SPARING IN DELETIONS, AND HAS NOW SO STATED IN OPEN CHANNEL; WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR KEEPING LOCAL OPTION OPERATIVE.

6. TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PROPOSAL. IN PRINCIPLE, WE, TOO, LIKE THE IDEA OF A TRADE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN BUCHAREST FUNDED BY COMMERCE. HOWEVER, AND AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, A COUPLE OF THINGS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND. IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT ANY ROMANIAN WOULD BE PERMITTED TO UTILIZE SUCH AN OFFICE. THIS IS TRUE WHETHER THE OFFICE WAS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY OR ANY PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE COMPOUND. ROMANIANS ARE SIMPLY NOT PERMITTED TO DO THIS KIND OF THING AT THIS POINT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS-SITUATION WILL CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEREFORE, IN THE SHORT RUN THE OFFICE WOULD BE OF USE EXCLUSIVELY TO AMERICAN
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BUSINESSMEN. THIS BEING THE CIRCUMSTANCE, WE CAN VISUALIZE NO PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE IN THE OFFICE BEING PHYSICALLY SEPARATED FROM THE CHANCERY. ON THE CONTRARY, THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR PROPOSING THAT THE OFFICE BE LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY: MONEY IS SAVED AND, AT LEAST IN THE BEGINNING, EXISTING PERSONNEL COULD COVER THE OPERATION. IF WE WERE TO ESTABLISH SUCH AN OFFICE ELSEWHERE, AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME LOCAL EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTRACTED. OUR VIEW IS THAT A MINIMUM FACILITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. BY THIS, WE MEAN PULLING TOGETHER THE RESOURCES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO US IN ONE ATTRACTIVE SPOT. ONLY AFTER WE HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH AN OFFICE WOULD WE BE IN A POSITION TO DESCRIBE THE UTILITY OF ANY MORE AMBITIOUS SCHEME FOR A TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. BY MINIMUM, WE ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF USING ONE OF THE LARGE GROUND FLOOR OFFICES OFF THE LOBBY IN THE EXISTING CHANCERY. IN IT, WE WOULD PUT A CONFERENCE TABLE AND THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY. USERS OF THIS FACILITY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO TYPEWRITER, TELEX AND XEROX FACILITIES.

7. ARIA ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE. A NUMBER OF OUR ROMANIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE QUERIED US RECENTLY ABOUT STATUS OF ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. THEY TEND TO ASSUME THAT SINCE GOR HAS APPROVED OUR PROPOSAL, IMPLEMENTATION OF IT WOULD PROCEED APACE. WE HAVE EXPLAINED, AS NECESSARY, THAT THE FORMULA HAS YET TO BE APPROVED BY WASHINGTON (SEE BUCHAREST 4025 OF JUNE 12). DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION FROM TREASURY YET ON THIS QUESTION? WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES IN FLESHING OUT THE EXISTING WORKING-LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

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